

# The Greatest Inland Empire

BRIEF EPITOME OF KLAMATH COUNTY, THE MECCA OF THE HOMESSEEKER,  
HAS VAST UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES AND MANY SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

KLAMATH COUNTY is in Southern Oregon on the California and Oregon state line.

The south part of the county is seventy-two miles from east to west, and in the middle it is one hundred miles from south to north. Population about 8,000. It contains within its borders a marvelous variety of mountains and valleys, of lakes and streams, of hot springs and springs which are ice cold, of sage brush plains and tule marshes, of pine forests abounding in wild game, and lakes and streams teeming with fish.

In the north-west part of the county is Crater Lake National Park. Crater Lake is one of the wonders of the Pacific Slope. If you want to make a trip that you will remember, go to Crater Lake.

## KLAMATH FALLS

Klamath Falls is the county seat; it is located at the mouth of Link River on the beautiful little Lake Ewauna and near Upper Klamath Lake. It is backed by the foot hills and mountains while the lake and valley spread away in front. It has a population of about 2000. It has a new thirty thousand dollar High School building and a fine stone building for the graded schools which cost about \$20,000. The churches are Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist and Catholic. These all have fair church buildings and regular pastors. The Christian Scientists also hold regular meetings. It has three banks and stores which would be a credit to any railroad county seat town. It has two steam saw mills and one steam laundry. It has one city water pumping plant, four planing mills and saw and door factories, three meat markets, three newspapers, one rock crusher, one flour mill of 100-barrel capacity, one machine shop and foundry, one shingle mill and one carpenter shop, all run by electricity developed by water power. We now have water power available for the driving of machinery to the amount of 500 horse power and will soon have 800 horse power more. We have splendid electric light, water works and telephone systems. Our city water comes from great, clear, pure, soft water springs near town. We have five doctors, four dentists and ten lawyers. There are two general stores, three groceries, six dry goods and furnishings, three hardware, three drug stores, five lumber shops, six livery barns, two implement stores, two bakeries, four blacksmith shops, four jewelry stores and two furniture stores. We have a good new steamboat and some smaller craft plying on the Klamath River and Lower Klamath Lake, and also a good steamboat and smaller craft on the Upper Klamath Lake. The elevation is 4000 feet.

## The Valley

There is a beautiful valley extending for several miles to the East and South-east and South, and other valleys equally beautiful and picturesque open out from this one through gaps in the mountains. There are five or six of these valleys, all near the same elevation, and all surrounded by mountains, most of which are heavily timbered with yellow pine, fir and cedar.

Most of the valleys are covered with sage brush. The soil of the sage brush land is a rich lava ash and usually very deep. Much of it varying but very little in appearance from the surface to a depth of two to four feet. Some places quite sandy, while in others it is quite heavy.

## The Lakes

Upper Klamath Lake is a beautiful body of water, about 25 to 30 miles long, with mountains reaching to the shore in many parts of it. From its lower end Link River descends in a succession of rapids about a mile and a half, falling about 65 feet in that distance, and flowing into Lake Ewauna at the lower part of town. Klamath River begins with Lake Ewauna and skirts the valley and the mountains to the south and west, leaving the valley at Keno. A channel from the river, some six or eight miles across the valley to Lower Klamath Lake, connects the two.

## Tule Marsh Lands

The lakes are joined in places by tule

marshes. These marshes have for centuries been receiving deposits of silt carried to them by the waters from the mountains, and have for perhaps centuries been producing immense crops of tules, gigantic bull rushes, which grow 6 to 12 feet high and so thick that it is almost impossible to get through them. These decaying each year have added vegetable matter to the silt. These marshes have also for ages been the habitat of innumerable water fowl, which have added vastly to the richness of the soil. This soil we believe to be as rich as there is in the world.

## U. S. Reclamation and Irrigation

The United States government has undertaken to drain these marsh lands and to irrigate them, together with the sage brush lands, the cost of which is to be paid for in ten annual payments, without interest. The tunnel and the first nine miles of the canal are all completed and water is now ready for the land. One person cannot get a water right for more than 160 acres. A husband and wife and each child may own 160 acres each, and each get a water right to the same, irrespective of the age of the child. Non-resident owners of land cannot get a water right. They must reside within the bounds of this system of irrigation. The water for irrigation is sure, and very abundant.

## Homesteads

There are practically no homesteads to be had at present. It is expected that there will be some land opened for homesteads later on.

## Climate

The summers are delightful, very few hot days, and those hot only for a few hours in the middle of the day. The autumn is fine, gradually growing a little cooler and almost imperceptibly gliding into winter. The winter has more or less snow. Some of them have sleighing snow, and some do not. The mercury seldom reaches zero, but we are told that it has been known to go 18 degrees below. The springs are somewhat late, thus making the growing season short. There is liability to damage by frost, which may occur at one time in one place and at another time in another place, but we have heard of nothing like a failure or widespread damage from this cause. To a Kansas man there seems to be very few disagreeable windy days, and very little thunder and lightning. There are no tornadoes or cyclones, and seem to be no hard storms nor extreme changes of temperature.

## Crops

Wheat, oats, rye and barley yield heavy crops of the finest quality of grain, from a smaller amount of seed than we have ever seen sown anywhere else. Wheat producing 8 to 35 bushels per acre without irrigation, and 20 to 50 bushels with irrigation. Oats, 40 to 100 bushels, and barley 40 to 60 bushels under irrigation.

## Grasses

Alfalfa, timothy, red clover, white clover, Kentucky Blue Grass, red top, and bromo grass all grow luxuriantly. The fattening qualities of the hay made here is of a very high order. Cattle are fattened on alfalfa hay alone. Horses work on alfalfa without grain and keep in good condition. The yield of alfalfa is three to six tons per acre. Timothy two or three tons. There are also natural meadows on lands which are wet in the early part of the season, which make fine hay.

## Vegetables

Vegetables do well, and the quality of all grown here is of a very high order. Potatoes are usually grown without irrigation, and the yield, while not extra large when they are grown in this way, is good, and the quality is unsurpassed. Cabbage does exceedingly well, and they are the finest in quality that the writer has ever eaten. Onions produce enormously. The test on sugar beets grown here shows as high as 25 per cent sugar, and as high as 92 per cent purity, and this under very ordinary conditions of growing and the growth was very satisfactory to sugar beet experts.

## Fruits

Fruits in favored locations do well, and the quality is unexcelled. The keeping quality of apples grown here surpasses that of any which the writer has ever known before. Blackberries, raspberries, logan berries, gooseberries and red currants produce very largely. Plums, prunes and cherries are very fine. Fine peaches are grown, but they are not sure. Klamath County carried off \$1500 in prizes at the great Irrigation Congress at Sacramento, California, last fall, among them being the great prize Holstein bull for the best display of products from one irrigated farm.

## Stock Raising

All classes of stock do well and are very healthy. Cattle run on the range where they have plenty of room, seven to nine months in the year. Many horses run on the range the whole year. Sheep are held in very large bands and are said to be very profitable, grazing about the same proportion of the year as cattle. Hogs are very healthy and very profitable. The climate and feed here seem to be particularly adapted to the production of a very fine quality of milk and butter. Cows do exceedingly well. These valleys are, in our judgment, destined to become a dairy country of a very high order. Cattle are fattened on alfalfa alone.

## Bees

Bees do exceedingly well. The quality of honey produced in these valleys cannot be surpassed anywhere.

## Poultry

All poultry is unusually profitable and very healthy.

## Water

Pure water can usually be had in the valleys very easily at a depth of from 15 to 30 feet.

## Water Power

The Klamath River, after it leaves the valley, is said to fall 1800 feet in the next twelve miles. The immense water power of all these streams has to some extent been appropriated by the government for this irrigation system. The power which can be developed and transmitted all over these valleys by electricity is almost incalculable.

## Roads

Roads are usually good, except in the breaking up of winter, when they get very muddy. In summer they also get very dusty.

## Health

The country is very healthful. There is very little malaria, and it is claimed by some men who have lived here for years, that there is none, only as it is brought here by individuals. The doctors say that the summers are especially fine for small children. We have the usual fevers but there does not seem to be much of them.

## Railroads

The nearest railroad station is Pockema, Oregon, on the Klamath Lake railroad. This is 35 miles distant. The Southern Pacific is building this way as fast as it can, and it is expected that it will reach here next fall.

## Hunting and Fishing

Klamath County is indeed a great place for the sportsman. There are plenty of deer, and among other species are to be found the large Mule Tail deer, some of which are said to dress about 300 lbs. There are bear and also various kinds of small game in the woods, and in the fall and winter geese and ducks are abundant. In the valleys are to be found quail, sage hens, grouse and pheasants. Our lakes and rivers have an abundance of Lake and Salmon Trout and other fish, while the smaller mountain streams have mountain Trout in abundance.

## Prices

Flour, \$2.30 per cwt. Fresh beef, 8c to 15c per lb. Breakfast bacon, 18c to 25c. Butter, 35c. Eggs, 25c to 50c. Milch cows, \$35 to \$60. Farm horses, good, \$100 to \$150. Plugs, cheaper. Dry goods, clothing, hats, boots and shoes, about 10 to 25 per cent higher than in the Mississippi Valley.

## BRIEF MENTION

Try Zim for plumbing.

James Emery is down from Fort Klamath today.

If your pipes freeze up, call on Zim.

Homer Smith, who has been sick with pneumonia, is reported convalescent.

Milk, 20c a gallon. H. N. Whiteline.

Horace Mitchell returned Saturday after a ten days absence in California. J. P. Churchill, of Yreka, is in the city today.

J. Frank Adams is a Klamath Falls visitor today.

R. H. Burnett of Merrill is registered at the Lakeside Inn.

Sugar cured hams and chickens at the East End Meat Market.

Alex Davis, the cattleman, is in the city today from the Klamath marsh, where he is feeding his band of cattle.

FREE—All goods handsomely engraved at Winters'.

Don't forget the new location of L. Alva Lewis watch and jewelry repair department at Chitwood's drug store.

Our valentines are all new and up to date at Winters'.

Those desiring fine watch and jewelry repairing should call on L. Alva Lewis, bench temporarily in Chitwood Drug store.

Pictures below cost at Star Drug Store for next 30 days. Get yours.

Did you know that Winters has one of the best watch makers on the coast, and you can get your work done promptly?

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Sixteen-inch and four-foot wood for sale in any quantity. Leave orders at Heitkamp's Jewelry Store or Newsum and Underwood's Drug store.

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For Rent—Two large unfurnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping, or would be suitable to suit parties. No children. Address P. O. box 13. 3c

If your watch is sick send it to Winters' Hospital. We will give it the best of treatment. All work guaranteed.

A number of our Falls people took advantage of the fall of snow yesterday and the air was merry with the first sound of sleigh bells this winter.

Call up 723 if you want any hauling done. Prompt service. J. A. Thompson, successor to J. W. Hunsaker.

Chitwood Drug Co. has kindly granted me space for my repair bench in their drug store. We are fully prepared to turn out our usual high grade work. L. Alva Lewis.

A large crowd witnessed the basket ball game between the Picked team and Nonpareils Saturday evening, which resulted in a victory for the Picked team. In the preliminary game between the Hornets and Scrubs, the latter were badly beaten.

## \$50 Reward

I will pay the above reward for the arrest and conviction of party or parties who robbed and burned my store on the morning of January 18th.  
L. ALVA LEWIS.

## Auction

Auction. To the public: Being desirous of closing out at once, we have decided to dispose of the balance of our stock at auction. The sale will commence Friday, January 21st, with J. N. Dennis as auctioneer, and will continue until every article in our store is sold, including fixtures, etc. This is not a bargain sale nor a mere reduction in prices. It is the offering of our stock to the people of Klamath county at your prices. Remember the big auction sale starts on Friday, January 31. Goods sold in lots also. Private sales every forenoon. Auction sales every afternoon and evening.  
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Interests us mightly. We want to furnish it for you—so we ask you to consider these points:

That we have an unexcelled stock, both in medium priced goods as well as in the higher grades.

That we have furnished some of the nicest homes in Klamath County, large and small, with complete satisfaction to the owners.

That we are prepared to fill orders promptly, big or little.

That we sell goods for cash or on easy payments, as suits your convenience.

B. ST. GEO. BISHOP

## To the Public

I have disposed of all my interests in the Herald Publishing company to W. O. Smith. Mr. Smith is fully authorized to collect and receipt for all moneys due, and to become due, of any nature whatsoever in the transaction of the business, and to assume full control of the Herald.  
F. P. CRONMILLER.

## Ready For Business

L. Alva Lewis has already secured quarters for his repair department, which is in charge of Frank Upp. Space has been secured from the Chitwood Drug Co., and that department will be running as usual hereafter. Mr. Lewis has removed all damaged goods to his residence, and as yet has made no plans for the future except as stated above.

Gladden your home with some of those pictures at Star Drug Store, while the prices are way down.  
All kinds of fancy china were Baldwin's Hardware Store.

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